

over our beautiful State of Kansas. Oh! if only this tribute could be paid with silver and gold, it would be much better than it is, for it takes a great portion of the coin, and in addition to that it lays claim to the precious characters of thousands of young men and young women annually. When! Oh, when! will professed Christians awake to a sense of their responsibility, and face aright the great evil of intemperance, and when will Christian nations learn that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people?"

The last three years have experienced an increase in taxation to be paid to this Caesar that sets upon the throne in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Not only was revenue stamps required, but also thousands of young men have been called to go forth to war and to bloodshed.

Not many days ago and not far from this place there was a minister who is pastor of a church, and who was a bold enough supporter of this Caesar to stand on the street and say, "The Filipinos ought to be killed, they are only a burden to humanity." Oh! that the light of the gospel might illuminate such hearts until they might have at least a limited knowledge of the sacredness of human life. War and bloodshed and the shameful evil of intoxicants on board the same vessel and bound for the heathen shore. The thot should strike shame to every loyal American heart. Even the voice of the heathen is, "send us more gospel and less rum."

The Caesar of prejudice is today promoting ignorance, and barring the mind against knowledge, whether it be in religion, politics, or business. Religious (or church) prejudice has made unscriptural divisions in Christendom which has weakened its efforts against selfishness and sin. Political prejudice is keeping real Christian sentiment out of the ballot box. Oh! there are so many who profess to be devoted Christians, and strong advocates of prohibition in Sunday school and church, every day in the year, except that Tuesday in November. What is public sentiment doing today?

1. He is treading law under foot, both the law of state and of God, he is also turning the crank of the public press, and if an editorial conflicts with his sentiment the crank stops, and remains stopped until that editorial is adjusted then he grinds away. He also places a hand upon the head of justice; and another he very often succeeds in placing over the mouth of the clergy. Let us unitedly pray for more laborers in the field that will proclaim the truth and the whole counsel of God if they never see another "Eagle." The Caesar of prejudice has no legal place in this world for it is evident that no one is made better by his presence, therefore there is no tribute due him and if no legal place in the world, surely he ought not exist in a Christian heart.

If public sentiment was true Christian sentiment, what a beautiful world this would be. But alas, the corruption of the public con-

science is made manifest by the thirty grog shops that are operating in Wichita,—the heart of a prohibition state, and those unlawful wretches recently have been bold enough to ask the law for protection! That image on the penny that was brought to Christ, was molded in the penny and showed that it was from Caesar's mints. Whose image do you wear this morning, dear friends? Is there not an image in your nature that is molded there and which shows that you are from the mints of the most high God? Yes, we read in this dear old volume that God created man in his own image, that image you can never lose tho by sin it has faded and become dim but God desires to illuminate it. Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but render to God the things that are God's. Let us as Christians and citizens of a Christian nation (?) put on the justice that is implied in the text and give to Caesar the things that are his. But let us remember that the lives and characters of young men and young women does not belong to Caesar, but to God. And may the early days of the twentieth century witness a consolidated and consecrated effort of Christendom calling a halt to the unjust and ungodly taxation of war and intemperance, that God may receive his own. God claims your person, and demands your affections; will you not render to him the service of your entire being that his wise and just purpose in you may prevail, and each one of you be conformed to the image of his own dear Son?

Mulvane, Kan.

Among the Churches

Gravelton, Ind.

As I look out on the beautiful snow this morning I thought of our lives and if they were as white and pure as the snow what an influence we might have over the sinner. I thought of the days of temptation and the victory over sin. I thought of prayers that have been answered and of those that have not; yet God said he would hear and answer prayers. We should not get discouraged, till the great day when Christ shall come to claim his own. What a great day that will be for those who love Christ and keep his commandments.

I thought of our parting here and when we should meet again in that happy home. My heart cries out, come Lord, come quickly. Brothers and sisters, let us fight satan till we gain the victory and hear the welcome approbation, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

M. J. CLARK.

Bethesda, Ohio

Last night closed us a four weeks' revival with ten confessions. Six united with the church by baptism, three promised to be baptized in two weeks, and others promised to come. The church and neighborhood was wonderfully blest.

Brother Bauman is an excellent, cultured Christian minister and with no small force thunders down God's eternal truths. In his three weeks' labor here he has won for God seven souls and the good feeling of many out-siders. Thus he is bringing to pass the old scripture that "One man shall chase a thousand." He wins seven and even more in three weeks. In a year the number won would be from 120 to 200; in 50 years this would amount

to the enormous sum of 6,000 to 10,000 souls swept into heaven by one holy, consecrated man. It is said that the mother that rocks the cradle rocks the world. Perhaps Bauman's mother shares the glory.

We have learned to know that it pays to get a good evangelist, no matter what the cost. So we want Brother Bauman to come here next year or some one his equal.

ADAM EBERLY.

North Georgetown, O.

We are glad to note that Brother Witter of Jones Mills, Pa., was with us, and preached three evenings. We had very good meetings with the best of interest and spiritual welfare of our church. Brother Witter is enthusiastic in the work of the Lord, and sociable with the people.

We have no shepherd since October last, and it is with much difficulty and earnest work for the few faithful to keep the sheep within the fold. But we have great consolation inasmuch as our heavenly Father is a true Shepherd, and will in no wise desert us if we only obey his precepts.

Sunday-school is in good working order. Our worthy superintendent is master of his office and makes the lessons interesting. Let the Brethren all pray that we may have a good pastor by April 1, 1901.

G. A. RUFF.

Litchfield, Ill.

By request, elder J. H. Swihart of Indiana visited the Shoal Creek church, located between Caffeen and Woburn, Ill. The object for calling Brother Swihart was for the purpose of ordaining brethren John Cornish of Woburn, Ill., and J. P. Studebaker of Caffeen, Ill., to the eldership. The brethren ordained were not novices but have both faithfully served as deacons and ministers in the G. B. and Brethren churches, possessing the qualifications required of elders by the gospel of Christ. The ordination services were held in the Christian church in Woburn, Ill. Their wives were ordained with them.

This strengthens the Brethren church in southern Illinois, and we hope and pray that their labors in the gospel-alone doctrine will bear "much fruit" to "The glory of God the Father."

The labors and sacrifices required here will not be fully known until the trumpet of God will sound the call, "Come ye blessed of my Father." "Thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We were sorry Brother Swihart could not remain and preach for us several weeks, but are thankful for the service rendered. May God bless him in his labors. Brethren, pray for us down here in Egypt.

D. B. STUDEBAKER.

South Haven, Kans.

Since our last report from this place we have held our regular quarterly business meeting, which was very well attended. Two of our brethren came about seven miles to attend the Saturday evening business meeting. The business was disposed of in the spirit of the Master, we believe.

The attendance at the regular services is on the increase. The Sunday-school is doing nicely under the supervision of sister R. Cantrall. Miss Esther Blue is our secretary, and Miss Mary Blue, chorister. The school has recently purchased a dozen more music books. They meet and sing each Thursday evening. There are good prospects for an organ for that place in the near future.

Bethel.—The new Brethren church near Mulvane, Kans., has received the above name. The responsibility of naming was voted to the writer. May it be a "Bethel" indeed to many precious souls.

The work here is progressing nicely, except upon the part of some of our members who do not attend services as regular as we would like to see